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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR SCS STS STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for providing scholarship to SCs and STs students;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the eligibility criteria and salient features of the scheme;

(c) the funds earmarked for implementation of the scheme; and

(d) the number of students to be awarded fellowship under the scheme annually?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) The Scheme is under consideration.

(b) The Scheme is intended to provide fellowships to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing higher studies leading to M. Phil and Ph. D. students registered for M. Phil/Ph. D. course in Universities/Institutions identified under the scheme shall be eligible for availing fellowship.

(c) A sum of Rs. 24.83 crore has been provided to implement the scheme during the current financial year 2005-06.

(d) A total number of 2000 fellowships are to be awarded annually to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students.